

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 299

Short Title: Port Usage Contracts/Public Records. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 18, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A USAGE CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE
3 STATE PORTS AUTHORITY AND A CARRIER IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Article 20 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by
6 adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 136-276. Usage contracts.**

8 A usage contract entered into between the Authority and a carrier is not a public record
9 within the meaning of G.S. 132-1. For purposes of this section, the term "usage contract" means
10 a contract or agreement that contains terms and conditions involving terminal services related
11 to maritime activities, including dockage, wharfage, cargo handling, storage, ro-ro service,
12 transportation drayage, and other miscellaneous port services."

13 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

